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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8819

INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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S E C R E T ADDIS ABABA 5022

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, ET, US

SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER ON USG

RESPONSE TO IEG ARMS REQUEST

REF: STATE 091187

1. I CALLED ON PRIMIN ENDALKACHEW AFTERNOON MAY 4 AND CONVEYED GIST OF REFTEL, INCLUDING FACT THERE IS SOME UNCERTAINTY WHETHER USG CAN PROVIDE THE FULL \$6 MILLION SUPPLEMENT IN CREDIT SALES IT HOPES ACHIEVE IN BOTH FY-74 AND FY-75. IN CONCLUSION I MENTIONED THAT MAAG CHIEF AND ONE OR TWO OTHER OFFICERS WOULD BE LEAVING PROMPTLY FOR WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS SELECTION OF SUITABLE EQUIPMENT.

2. PRIMIN REPLIED THAT HE WAS "VERY PLEASED" BY USG RESPONSE AND "VERY GRATEFUL". HE SAID THAT ONE PREVIOUS DAY HE HAD DISCUSSED SOMALI THREAT WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR. IN COURSE THIS DISCUSSION HE HAD INFORMED SOVIET AMBASSADOR

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THAT SOME ELEMENTS IN SOMALI GOVERNMENT WERE URGING AN ATTACK

AGAINST ETHIOPIA, BUT AMBASSADOR SHOULD KNOW THAT ALL ETHIOPIAN GROUPS WOULD CONSOLIDATE AND UNITE IN EVENT OF A SOMALI ATTACK. SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD INDICATED IN RESPONSE TO PRIMIN'S ENTIRE PRESENTATION THAT HIS GOVERNMENT "WANTED CERTAIN THINGS" FROM IEG, INCLUDING A CONSULAR AGREEMENT PERMITTING ESTABLISHMENT OF SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICES IN VARIOUS ETHIOPIAN CITIES. PRIMIN COMMENTED TO ME THAT THERE WAS A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS TYPE OF PRESSURE ON IEG AND THE USG RESPONSE HE HAD JUST RECEIVED. HE THEN SAID: "WE REALIZE THAT A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED." ENDALKACHEW ADDED THAT "WITH THIS KIND OF RESPONSE WE WILL BE ABLE TO RESIST THE RUSSIAN DEMANDS."

3. WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT USG DESIRED THAT ITS RESPONSE BE BROUGHT TO PERSONAL ATTENTION OF EMPEROR, PRIMIN TOLD HIS AIDE TO ARRANGE AN AUDIENCE FOR ME.  
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